

**City of Franklin Common Council  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
April 20, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Franklin, Indiana was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall, 70 E. Monroe Street, with Mayor Joseph E. McGuinness presiding. Council members Joseph Abban, Joseph Ault, Kenneth Austin, Stephen Barnett, Dr. William T. Murphy and Richard Wertz answered roll call. Clerk-Treasurer Janet P. Alexander, Records Clerk Kathy Cragen, City Attorney Lynnette Gray were also present. Council member Stephen Hougland was absent.

Councilor Murphy offered an invocation. Mayor McGuinness opened the meeting and asked the Clerk-Treasurer to call the roll. Mayor McGuinness led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements & Presentations**

There were no announcements or presentations.

**Consent Agenda**

Mayor McGuinness presented the consent agenda for approval.

- Approval of the April 6, 2015 Common Council Minutes & Joint Common Council & Redevelopment Commission (RDC) Meeting Minutes for April 6, 2015

Council President Barnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilor Murphy. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Old Business**

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all old business by title only, seconded by Councilor Austin.

**Public Hearing**

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-07 A Budgetary Ordinance Repealing & Replacing Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-04 Fixing & Authorizing the Payment of Certain Salaries of Appointed Officers & Employees for the Year 2015 (Civil City)** – Mayor McGuinness read the title aloud, and opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Council President Barnett made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Common Council Budgetary Ordinance No.: 15-08 An Additional Appropriation to Appropriate Money for the Payment of Quarterly Stipend for Redevelopment Commission Members** –Mayor McGuinness read title aloud, and opened the floor for public hearing. No one asked to speak. Councilor Wertz made a motion to approve, seconded by Councilor Austin. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **New Business**

Council President Barnett made a motion to read all New Business by title only, seconded by Councilor Abban. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

**Presentation of Walker Parking Consultant's Parking Study - Final Report** - City Engineer Underhill presented the Walker Parking Consultants study which states that there are 1337 parking spaces in the study area. It was also determined that peak parking was observed around 2:00 p.m. Monday – Friday, with 48% of the overall parking spaces being filled. Mayor McGuinness stated that the City and County had worked together with Walker Parking Consultant's on this study. A discussion was held.

**Presentation of Yearly Tax Abatement Compliance Reports** - Community Development Specialist Oliver gave an overview of the tax abatement compliance reports for the following companies:

- Caterpillar Reman Powertrain – C2015-04
- Cooper Tire & Rubber Company – C2015-05
- CTC Casting Technologies - C2015-06
- Dualtech, Inc. – C2015-08
- Electro-Spec, Inc. – C2015-09
- Electro-Spec, Inc. – C2015-10
- Franklin Tech Park Assoc. – C2015-11
- GROK & Nitrek – C2015-12 & C2015-28
- Heartland Machine – C2015-13
- Holbrook Manufacturing – C2015-14

A discussion was held. Councilor Austin made a motion to approve the yearly compliance reports submitted by the following: Caterpillar Reman Powertrain – Resolution 2010-15; Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. – Resolution 2008-17; CTC Casting Technologies – Resolution 2012-02; Dualtech, Inc. – Resolution 2012-02; Electro-Spec, Inc. – 2008-14/2010-13; Electro-Spec, Inc. – Resolution 2012-07; Franklin Tech Park Associates, LLC – Resolution 2004-05; GROK Enterprises – Resolution 2011-02; Nitrex, Inc. – Resolution 2011-02; Heartland Machine – Resolution 2013-11; Holbrook Manufacturing – Resolution 2007-12; seconded by Councilor Wertz. A voice vote was taken with all members stating aye. The motion carried.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business presented.

### **Council Comments**

Councilor Murphy stated that he was pleased to hear the parking study results. Councilor Abban stated there would be a Plan Commission meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m. Councilor Wertz stated there was a Redevelopment Commission (RDC) meeting tomorrow morning at 8:00 a.m. Councilor Austin asked about planned repairs on the railroad tracks on Jefferson Street. Mayor McGuinness stated that the Transportation Board had released their findings last Friday and that new track should be put in over the next two years. Mayor McGuinness stated the Google Conference at Franklin High School had over 509 participants. The Mayor stated that because of the large number of attendees Google plans to return here next April.

Clerk-Treasurer Alexander stated the next meeting would not be until May 4<sup>th</sup> but she wanted to invite the Council and everyone present to attend the Sip & Savor Rotary event which will be held Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Johnson County Museum and the Franklin Relay for Life Team “Bowl out Cancer” event on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hi-way Lanes in Franklin.

### **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Common Council, a motion and a second were made to adjourn at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer  
Enrolled: 04/27/2015

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Joseph McGuinness, Mayor

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Janet P. Alexander, Clerk-Treasurer